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Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in reply to the November 21, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition to extend the time to file this reply with the Request for Continued Examination for a period of three months up to and including October 21, 2002 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 21, 2002. An Appeal Brief or this reply together with a Request for Continued Examination would be due on October 21, 2002 with a threemonth extension of time.